BLACKBERRY.

(*Rubus fruticosus*).

Class, Icosandria. Order, Polygynia. N. O., Rosaceæ.

At this season the hedges are thickly covered with the blossoms of the various kinds of briars, and amongst the number the following species are the most common. The Wild Raspberry, (*Rubus idæus*), in woods; and the Hazle-leaved Bramble, (*R. corylifolius*); Dewberry, (*R. cæsius*); and the Blackberry, which is very common in hedges and thickets; all these species are too well known to need description.

The Blackberry is often made into a jam, which is considered very wholesome, and

"Thy fruit full well the school-boy knows,
Wild bramble of the brake!
Go, put thou forth thy small white rose:
I love it for his sake.

"Though woodbines flaunt and roses glow
O'er all the fragrant bowers,
Thou need'st not be ashamed to show
Thy satin-threaded flowers;

"For dull the eye, the heart is dull,
That cannot feel how fair,
Amid all beauty beautiful,
Thy tender blossoms are!

"How delicate thy gauzy frill!
How rich thy branchy stem!
How soft thy voice when woods are still,
And thou sing'st hymns to them!

"While silent flowers are falling slow,
And 'mid the general hush,
A sweet air lifts the little bough,
Lone whispering through the bush!

"The primrose to the grave is gone;
The hawthorn flower is dead;
The violet by the mossed grey stone
Hath laid her weary head!

"But thou, wild bramble! back dost bring
In all their beauteous power
The fresh green days of life's young spring,
And boyhood's blossoming hour.

"Scorn'd bramble of the brake! once more
Thou bidd'st me be a boy,
To gad with thee the woodlands o'er,
In freedom and in joy."

ELLIOTT.

The following plants should be sought after in this month: being rather uncommon:

The Common Meadow Rue, (*Thalictrum flavum;*) on banks of ditches. Mountain Globe Flower, (*Trollius Europæus;*) moist land. Field Larkspur, (*Delphinium Consolida;*) rare; Kent, Suffolk, and Cambridge. Long Prickly Headed Poppy, (*Papaver argemone;*) in corn fields. White Climbing Corydalis, (*Corydalis clavicula-*

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